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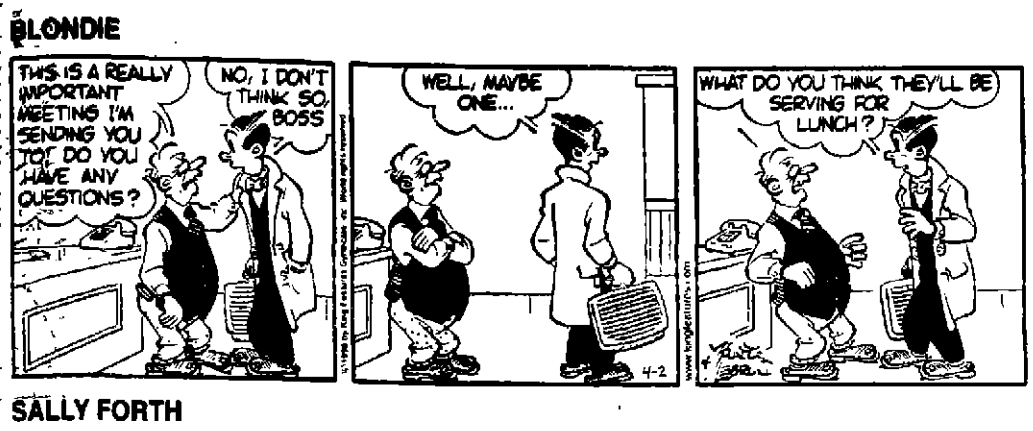

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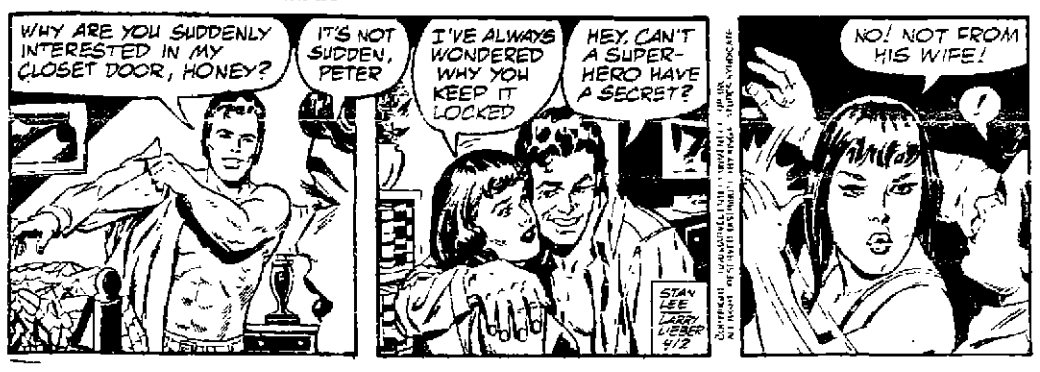

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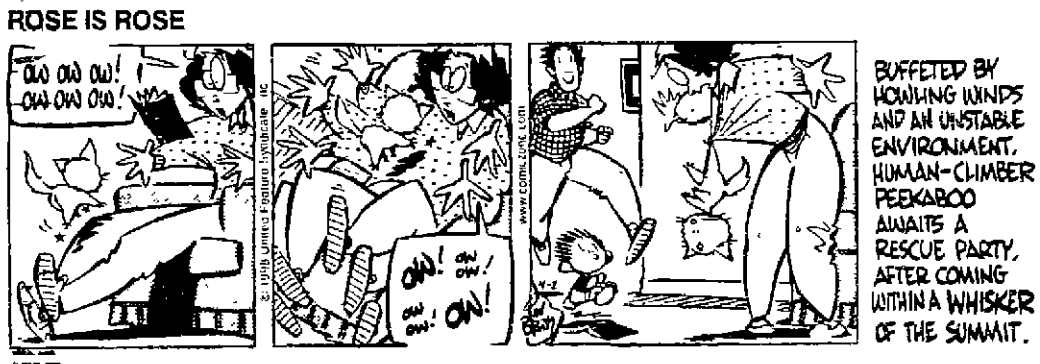

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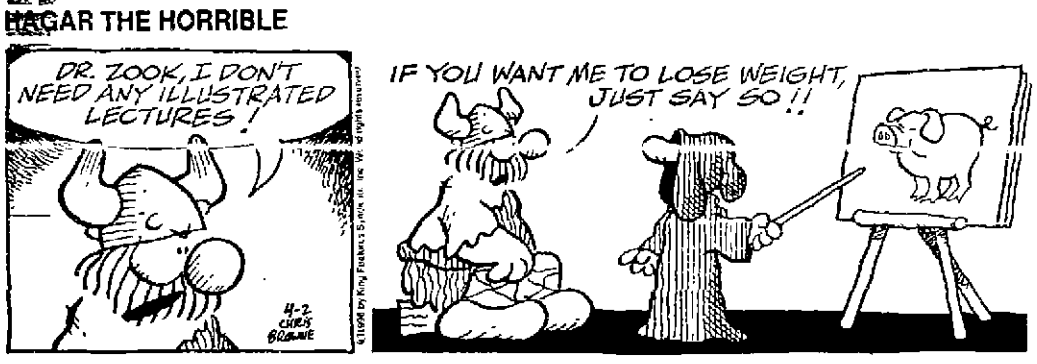

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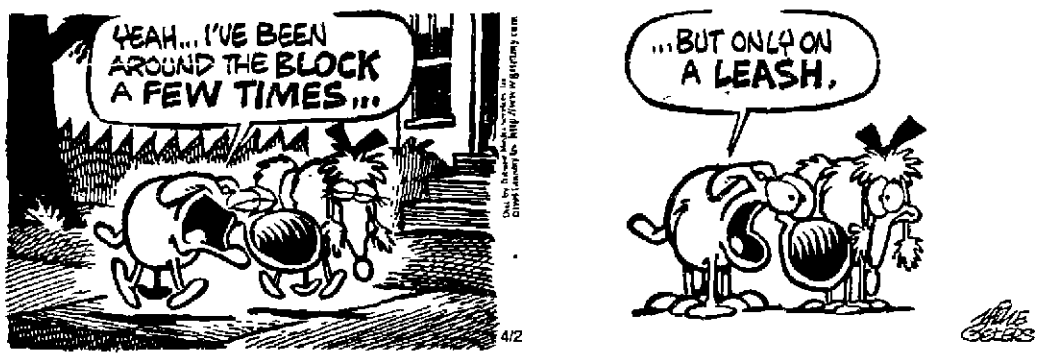
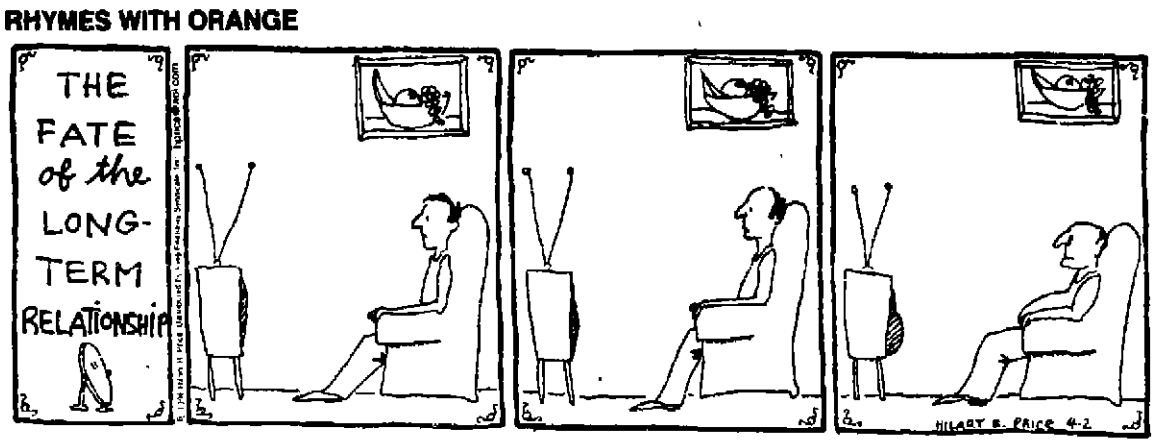


DILBERT

DENNIS THE MENACE

FAMILY CIRCUS

RHYMES WITH ORANGE



HOROSCOPE

For Friday, April 3, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're tempted to take financial [illegible]

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You probably owe friends at a distance a visit, but you owe it to yourself not to let costs get out of line. Plan career meetings.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Career matters move to the forefront. Be careful not to gloss over any facts. You need to be prepared for the consequences.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't let yourself be imposed upon in the name of friendship. Recognize where to draw the line.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Quiet pursuits are best, but you might be tempted to schedule an unwise rendezvous after dark. Discount rumors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your personality is a plus. Be sure to catch up on unanswered phone calls, letters and e-mail.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Spend money only on true necessities, after you evaluate what you really need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) In business and money matters, your judgment could be clouded. Complete creative projects.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Home matters are accented, and there are some definite tasks to be done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) If you put aside romantic fantasy, you can find a dependable friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You can clear up a confusing matter on the job. Exercise self-discipline.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Avoid impractical business schemes. Partnerships are highlighted, and there could be some responsibility you need to share.

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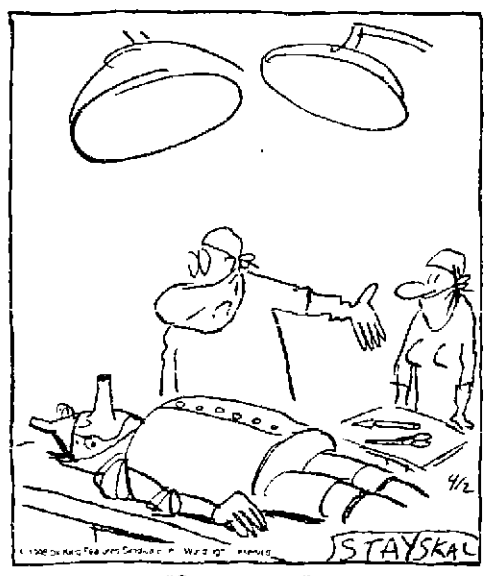

"Can opener."

WORD SLEUTH

Minor league baseball cities

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E B Y W R A U E R P R O L N K
I G D U M E L A S E R E L B Z
X V D I S Q S G N I L L I B O
M K K I G L E T A C O I V R A
Y A W U U S O Q K R P B E N E
Y L J T H N F E R C Y O H A Y
X V U S Q P N N O C A M S M K
J H F E C B Z A N O T Y A D Y

Wednesday's unlisted clue: STARS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.
Thursday's unlisted clue hint: CAPITAL OF IDAHO

Akron	Charlotte	Macon	Trenton
Asheville	Daytona	Mobile	Tulsa
Billings	Durham	Peoria	Yakima
Calgary	Erie	Salem	

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

A reader asks, "Since the defenders can signal each other by means of conventional carding signals, is declarer disadvantaged because he can't signal dummy? No, declarer has the better deal; he has no need to signal dummy. He can see dummy's cards and play them as he wishes. Besides, declarer can jam some of the defensive signals. Study today's hand to see how he can do so. When West leads his spade king and East discourages with his six, what card should South play? If he follows suit with a routine trey, he's the favorite to lose his game. Since West can recognize East's six as his lowest spade, he's most likely to shift to his club jack. East will have no reason to duck his ace, and the ensuing spade return will net the defenders four quick winners. A cagey South can muddy the waters by playing his spade eight at trick one. This simple falsecard might convince West that East's spade six is an encouraging signal (East may have Q-6-3), and he might lead another spade. If West does, South escapes with his game, holding his losses to only two spades and a club. What's the general rule for declarer to deceive West? South should play as East would play. If he wants West to continue the suit, he should play an unnecessarily high card. If he wants a shift, he should play his lowest card.

NORTH 03-02 A-
♠ 7 4 2
♥ A J 10 2
♦ A Q 8 5
♣ K 7

WEST
♠ A K J 5
♥ 5 3
♦ 9 7 6
♣ J 10 9 4

EAST
♠ 10 9 6
♥ 9 4
♦ 10 4 3 2
♣ A Q 3 2

SOUTH
♠ Q 8 3
♥ K Q 8 7 6
♦ K J
♣ Q 8 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♥	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Spade king

BRIDGE RESULTS

Bridge America: Tuesday morning, 1 NS, Louis Bashaw, Doug Lyon; 2 NS, Bob Seymour, Janet Sinclair; 1 EW, Millie Aldrigo, Julie Sunser; 2 EW, Dan Apgar, Edith Farnham. Saturday evening, first, Madge Holder, Jean Oberg; second, Judie Bailey, Judy Zallnick.

The Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, Howie Cring, Cornelia Yoder; second, Joe Conrad, Steve O'Brien; Sunday evening team game, first, Judie Bailey, Cameron Ross, Allene Huntley, Don Paulus; second, Bill Barrington, Joe Fortino, Mary Walsh, Mike Walsh; Monday morning, first, Ralph Carley, Larry Sunser; second, Al Getman, Jack Koerner; Monday evening, first/second, Joe Fortino, Don Paulus; Bill Barrington, Bob Garwood; Tuesday evening, first, Sharlene Kostichka, Doug Lyon; second, Bill Barrington, Mary Walsh; Wednesday evening, first/second, Mark Bowick, Cornelia Yoder; Jeff King, Monny Moncrief; Thursday morning teaching game, 1 NS, Dick Steinbugler, Mary Steinbugler; 2 NS, Joe Myers, Sarah Myers; 1 EW, Beverly Spooner, Larry Spooner; 2 EW, Janet Gilfen, Sherfi Macht; Thursday evening, first, Barb Fairbank, Jim Ineich; second/third, Bill Barrington, Doug Lyon; Bill Oliver, Don Paulus; Friday morning, first, Murray Hall, Dick Steinbugler; second, Doug Lyon, Sharlene Kostichka; Friday evening, first, Fran LeBoeuf, Mary Walsh; second, Howie Cring, Judy Everts.

Concord Aces: Monday morning, 1 NS, Hannah Dushay, Sally Jamieson; 2 NS, Clo Morris, Kaye Worthen; 1 EW, Gene Wurdinger, Gerry Wurdinger; 2 EW, Leon Joseph, Sylvia Joseph.

Liverpool: Wednesday morning, 1 NS, Mary Gorkin, Dot Joiner; 2 NS, Judy Butcher, Virgil Eveleigh; 1 EW, John Gilstrap, Fran McCarthy; 2 EW, Joan Liddle, Katherine Worthen.

Stonehedge: Tuesday morning, first, Alyce Martin, Ruth Richner; second, Esther Emm, Louise Staring.

Syracuse Contract: Wednesday evening, first, John Hemmer, Rick Olonoff; second, Dan Boye, Pete Fricano; Thursday afternoon, first, Laurie Distin, Anne Divers; second, Betty Burns, Bonnie Percival; Thursday evening, first, MaryLou Famulare, Larry Waful; second, Joe Conrad, Adeline Nash.

Call 422-4114 by Friday evening to report your bridge club results.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor **Buddy Ebsen** is 90. Actor **Sir Alec Guinness** is 84. Actor **Dabbs Greer** is 81. Actress **Sharon Acker** is 63. Singer **Leon Russell** is 57. Jazz musician **Larry Coryell** is 55. Actress **Linda Hunt** is 53. Singer **Emmylou Harris** is 51. Actress **Pamela Reed** is 49. Rock musician **Leon Wilkerson** (Lynyrd Skynyrd) is 46. Actress **Debralee Scott** is 45. Actor **Ron Palillo** is 44. Country singer **Billy Dean** is 36.

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Where Caesar landed, 46 B.C.
7 Huge
14 Wavered
16 Requires more than one person, in a saying
18 Pro ——
19 Ask, as for a loan
20 Fruit holder
21 Chap
22 Equivoque
23 Occupy
24 Like best
26 Part of an exchange
29 Hardly a libertine
30 Ceremonial occasion
31 Average
32 A Turner
33 Match game?
36 French chef's mushroom
39 Torrent
40 Photographer's setup
44 They're heard in rings
45 Giant of a Giant
46 Not a hog
47 Suffix with pay
48 Continental money
49 Atmosphere: Prefix
50 Tower site
52 First: Prefix
55 Medit. country
56 Classic Jolson hit
60 Gains control, in a way
61 Saliva
62 Drives

DOWN

1 Lawyer: Abbr.
2 Showcase
3 What lost computer data may need to be
4 Detail
5 These, in Thiers
6 Film with the Oscar-winning song "Best That You Can Do"
7 Kind of court
8 An Aleutian
9 Depot
10 Place
11 Some investments, for short
12 City with a view of Santa Cruz
13 Enters, but just barely
15 Kind of bed
17 The end, in Revelation
21 Docs
22 Lovely young woman
for
25 A goner
27 "The Nazarene" writer
28 One in a romper room
29 Full assemblies
31 TD's, e.g.
34 ——Magnon
35 Home of Hickam Air Force Base
36 Usurp
37 Old sportscaster Win and others
41 Karen of "Little House on the Prairie"
42 More wary
45 Slip up
48 Diplo
49 Non-P.C. suffix
51 Longfellow's "The Bell of ——"
52 Assignment
53 Mideast dry measure
54 "—— days gone by!": Riley
56 The Beatles' "Let ——"
57 It can make a molehill out of a mountain
58 Feedbox grain
59 Skiing path

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

A	D	M	A	N		S	L	A	H		T	R	A	M
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Puzzle by A. J. Santora

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